

CERCLA 106 Order for Removal Action issued at the South Street Superfund Site in Walpole, Massachusetts

On January 31, 1992, the Regional Administrator signed a unilateral administrative order for removal action at the South Street Superfund Site, issued pursuant to section 106(a) of CERCLA. The Site is located on approximately 21 acres, and consists of numerous industrial and residential properties where asbestos-contaminated soils are present. Between 1916 and 1936, the Multibestos Company conducted manufacturing operations on portions of the Site involving the use of asbestos materials. Those operations resulted in the disposal of asbestos wastes throughout the Site, including discarded brake linings, asbestos dust, and raw asbestos.

Given the high levels of friable asbestos at the Site and the proximity of the surrounding community, in December 1988 EPA issued a CERCLA § 106 order to the current property owners, BIM Investment Trust and Shaffer Realty Nominee Trust. That order required the respondents to fully assess the contamination and to propose a cleanup plan consistent with Superfund removal criteria. In September 1991, EPA approved the proposed cleanup plan, which consisted of the placement of a 30" vegetative cap over large areas of the Site, and the placement of a culvert in a portion of the Neponset River to stabilize asbestos contamination on the river banks.

The second order issued this past week requires the current site owners as well as the Multibestos Company's successor-in-interest -- W.R. Grace and Co. -- to implement the EPA-approved cleanup plan. The total cost of the removal actions at the South Street Site are expected to exceed \$3 million.

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Remedial Investigation Concluded At Darling Hill Dump Site in Vermont

EPA issued the final Remedial Investigation Report for the Darling Hill Superfund Site on February 4, 1992 at a public meeting in Lyndon, Vermont. The PRPs have been conducting the RI/FS under an Administrative Order. The FS is expected to be issued in March, 1992.

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